



# THE Caledonian Mercury,

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A short Account of all the most considerable News  
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday July 30, 1723.

*From the Evening Post, July 25.*

*Since our last arrived one Mail from France.*

Petersburg, July 5.

A Nother Sixty-gun-ship was this Day launched here, in Presence of his Czarish Majesty and all the Foreign Ministers; on which Occasion, the Guns of the Three Forts, and of all the Ships in this Harbour, were fir'd, and a sumptuous Entertainment was afterwards given at Court. The extraordinary naval Preparations that are making here beget various Speculations. The Fleet at Cronslot and Revel consists of 30 Ships of the Line, besides 12 Fregats; and 60 Galleys are fitting out with all Speed, besides Bomb-vessels, Fireships and Transports: Provisions are likewise putting on board for several Months; for which Time also the Officers and Seamen have received their Pay.

Hanover, July 27. This Court will go into Mourning very soon, on account of the Death of the Son of the Duke of Lorain, which was notified to his Majesty the 23d Instant. The Duke of York is daily expected at Herenhausen, as is also the Prince of Beyeren.

Yesterday the Lord Chancellor went to Hickshall, to qualify himself as one of the Lords Justices during his Majesty's Absence.

Last Night the Coroner's Inquest sat on the Body of John Middleton, who was put into the Pillory at Charing-cross on Tuesday last for wilful Perjury, and died there; and brought in their Verdict, *Accidentally strangled in the Pillory.*

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, July 25.*

Florence, July 20. We have Advice from Rome, That the Pope is relapsed so dangerously, that a Conclave is near at hand.

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*From the London Gazette.*

*Lisbon, July 17.* The last Letters from Cadix advise, That all was quiet in those Parts, and all warlike Preparations entirely laid aside. The Galleons were fully Laden, and expected to sail on the 20th Instant, under the Convoy of a Rear Admiral, and Three Men of War, which lay ready in the Bay. Two Rovers of Sallee, one of ten, the other of 12 Guns, have been cruising for some Time off the Rock, and have lately taken a Dutch and French Merchant-Ship, in the very Mouth of this River. An Algerine Ship of 50 Guns has been likewise seen off this Coast. On the 18th Instant, the Viceroy, a Portuguese Man of War of 60 Guns, sailed out of this River, upon what Design, is not yet known, but the Captain had Directions to open his Orders in the Latitude of Cape Verd. On the 10 Instant, His Britannick Majesty's Ship the Trial Sloop, sailed out of this Harbour, to accompany the British Packet Boat some Leagues to the Northward; His Majesty's Envoy being on board the same, in his Way home.

*Hague, July 27. N. S.* The States of the Province of Holland broke up their Assembly here on Saturday last; after having formed certain Resolutions, which are to be communicated to the States General, relating to the Ostend India Company.

*Hanover, July 17. N. S.* Yesterday a Play was acted here, for the Entertainment of the Queen of Prussia, who arrived at Herenhausen the 23d. Baron Spar, Envoy extraordinary from the King of Sweden, and Sig. Marquetti, who succeeded Count Gazola as Envoy from the Duke of Farma, are arrived here from England. M. Wich, his Majesty's Minister at Hamburg, is come hither for a few Days.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, July 23.*

*Constantinople, June 8.* The Muscovite Ambassador before his Departure, had Audience of the Prime Vizier, who, according to Custom, presented him and his principal Attendants with upper Vestments: He delivered to the Vizier a Letter he received the Day before from the Czar his Master, who therein assures the Grand Seignior, that he persists in his Resolution of perpetuating the Peace with the Porte, and to give farther Proofs thereof, upon all Occasions: To this the Vizier answered, That he had Orders from the Sultan to tell him, That the Amity between the two Courts shall remain inviolable, provided his Czarian Majesty restores the Places he has conquered from the Tatars and Persians, and forbears for the Future, to amplify his vast Dominions on the Side of the Caspian Sea, since, tho' the Porte looked upon that Monarch as a powerful and good Ally, yet he was justly esteemed a bad and dangerous Neighbour; his Reply was, That he had no Instructions concerning this Matter, but that he would write to his Court about it. The French Ambassador confers frequently with the Ministers of this Court, endeavouring all he can to prevent a Rupture with the Czar.

*Barcelona, July 22.* We have in these Parts, and in all other Territories of this Country, such rainy Weather as hardly ever was known before at this Season of the Year. We expect a very great Plenty of Corn, Wine, Oyls, and all other Products.

*Hamburg, July 22.* We are now assured, that the King and Queen of Sweden have, after some Hesitation, consented to give the Title of Royal Highness to the Duke of Holstein; so that no Commotions are apprehended there upon that or any other Account, with respect to that young Prince or the Czar, who has so long espoused his Interest.

Letters from Poland say, That a Layman of good Extraction was lately beheaded there, and afterwards burnt, for having personated a Priest, and performed Ecclesiastical Functions.

*Paris,*

*Paris, July 28.* 'Tis reported, that a Marriage is in Agitation between the Prince of Piedmont and one of the Archduchesses. An uncertain Rumour is spread, That several great Officers have been executed in Turkey, for endeavouring to dethrone the Sultan and assassinate the Prime Visiter.

*Hague, July 30. N. S.* They write from Muscovy of the 2d Instant, That the Highwaymen and Robbers are become so insolent, both in Muscovy and Russia, that the Emperor has thought fit to order a general Execution of all such as are or shall be taken, viz. They are to be hang'd up immediately, and quartered, wherever they are seiz'd; their Quartets to be set on all the public Roads, their Heads upon Poles, and their Bowels burnt; and this, without any Formality of Process or Trial whatsoever. 'Tis added, That his Russian Imperial Majesty is determined to act this Year only on the Defensive against Meriweys, supposing that the 20,000 Foot, and 10,000 Horse, the new Succours, are sufficient to maintain the last Year's Conquest.

They talk at Leipsick, That the King of Poland is going to have an Interview with the Emperor at Prague.

*From the Flying Post.*

*Madrid, July 6.* They write from Badajox, That Donna Josepha Conjuna, a Nun in Trinity Convent there, who was 125 Years of Age, fell down dead as she was at her Prayers in the Choir of the Church of that Convent.

*Brussels, July 23.* The Emperor's Grant of the Term of 30 Years to the India Company in the Austrian Netherlands, is now published.

*London, July 23.* Last Night arrived the other Mail due from Holland. The chief Advices are, That the Prince of Santo Bueno's Son, was married to the Daughter of the Prince of Piombino at the Palace of the Pretender, who gave the Wedding Dinner; at which the Cardinals Gualteri, Acquaviva and Ottoboni, &c. were present. That the Emperor seems inclin'd to protect the new India Company in the Austrian Netherlands, notwithstanding the Representations of Great Britain, France and Holland.

*From the Evening Post.*

*London, July 23.* By the Lightning and Thunder of Saturday last, the King's Scalding-houſe at St. Jamee's was considerably damaged and the Iron Wire before the Windows, and some other Materials of Iron there, are laid to be melted down.

By Letters from New England, there is Advice that the Crews belonging to the Morning Star and Good Fortune, two Vessels formerly under the Command of Roberts the Pyrate, have petitioned his Majesty, setting forth, that they were taken at several Times by the said Roberts, and compell'd to serve under him; but abhorring that way of Life; they did unanimously Leave him, and run away with the two Ships abovementioned, in hopes of obtaining his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

The Duke of Grafton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, designs to set out for that Kingdom on Monday next.

*From the Evening Post, July 25.*

*Paris, July 31.* The King intending to divert himself, frequently with Stag hunting in the Forest of St. German, Orders are given for clearing it of all Bushes and Shubs, and filling up all the Holes. Mr. de Chavigny, who some Time since, was Envoy extraordinary of this Court at Genoa, is now appointed to go to Hanover, from whence he will follow the King of Great Britain to London, since the Reduction of Louis d'ors, the Silver Smiths have raised the Price of Silver from 69 Livres to 73. On the 14th Instant, a Stop was put at the Mint to the coining of Money, which makes it to be conjectured, that all the current Coin

of this Kingdom will be called in and new coind. Some Time ago, the King's Company of Commedians acted with very great Applause a new Play, entituled, *Inez de castro*: The Italian Commedians, according to Custom, mimick'd the same with a Farce they called *Agnes de Challot*, which they daily act with great Succes, Auglise Profit, at the Fair of St. Laurance: But as these set up for Rivals of his Majesty's Comedians, they, in their Turns, are going to be Rivals in the same Fair, by a Company of Monkies, by whom Wonders are perform'd in dancing upon Ropes.

By an Arret lately published, it is ordered, That the Bearers of all Bills of Loan, issued by the Government; and also of all the Notes due by the India Company, who shall, before the First of October next, deliver the same to the proper Officers of the Royal Treasure, shall receive a Certificat or Order for their full Value, bearing Interest after the Rate of two *per Cent.* After which Time, all such Papers not brought in shall be deem'd cancelled. Another Arret will shortly come out, for converting into Annuities for Life one Hundred Millions of Certificats of Liquidations and other Government Papers; and after the Time which shall be limited by the said Arret, all Certificats and other Paper Securities of the Government, not converted by the Owners into Annuities, as directed by this or former Arrets, shall remain cancelled, suppressed, and of no Value.

*London, July 23.*

*Prizes in the State Lottery since our last.*

Numb. 43883, 100 L.	65556, 1000 L.	32760, 100 L.	19691, 100 L.	23754, 100 L.
Numb. 1321, 100 L.	62218, 100 L.	3999, 100 L.	33372, 1000 L.	39505, 100 L.
Numb. 72739, 100 L.	77010, 100 L.	22276, 100 L.	37509, 100 L.	

*WTE's Letter verbatim, London, July 25, 1723.*

SIR John Williams being last Tuesday sworn an Alderman of Cripplegate ward, the Mob that Night assembled in a very great Body, made Bonfires, &c. and being provided with large Clubbs, Broomsticks and Quarter-staves began first with breaking the Windows of Mr. Jnes an Apocherary, near the Conduit, who was one of the Scrutiners for Mr. Feast; upon which the Proclamation for their dispersing was read, but had no Effect; and they instead of separating, encreased their Insolence, and broke all in pieces two large Lanthorns, which usually hang at the Crown Coffee-house Door, also the Front Windows, throwing in Stones into the Upper-rooms of several Pounds Weight. They afterwards forced their Way into the House, and terribly wounded Mr. Bates the Master, on the Head, so that his Scull is laid bare 2 Inches in Length, and bruised one of his Hands with which he endeavoured to save his Head, that its thought he will lose the Use of it.

They then threatened to pull down Mr. Bate's House, as also the Crown Tavern adjoining to it, which many believe they would have effected, had not the Officers and Granadiers of the Orange Regiment of Train'd Bands (which marched out that Day, and sapt at the said Tavern) prevented it by dispersing them, tho' with much Difficulty, one Laut a Carman, Head of the Mobb, and 3 others were seized and committed to the Compter. Many of the Clubbs Stocks and Stones were secured to be produced against them before the Lord Mayor. Severals were wounded, particularly Mr. Woodley one of the Grenadiers who had a large Piecee of his Scull taken out by the Surgeons. They also broke several Peins in Mt. Feast's Windows, calling him Turncoat.

Mean Time, 'tis said these Outrages would have been prevented, had the Contrat Party permitted the Friends to Sir John Williams to make their Bonfires and other Rejoicings, without Molestation: The same having been allowed to those, were made on Account of Mr. Feast being declared duly elected into the Office of Sheriff, conceraing which, very bold Things are discoursed in some Conversations.

Last Tuesday Mr. Payne, Publisher and Printer of the Paper call'd *The True Briton*, was examined before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, touching the Reflections in that Paper of the 12th Instant, in relation to the Declaration of the Sheriffs: And Mr. Payne being ask'd from whom he had the Paper, answered, From the Duke of Wharton! After which the said Mr. Payne was admitted to Bail; but 'tis believ'd he will be secur'd, as being the Publisher of it.

Mr,

Mr. Layburn the Curate, Nephew to Dr. Shippen, and Rectof of St. Mary, White Chapel, has been summoned before Samuel Perry and Stephen Hall, Esqrs: two of the Middlesex Justices of the Peace, to take the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy and Abjuration: Which he did accordingly.

Since our Last arrived a Mail from France, and another from Flanders. The Advices from Ratisbon of the 2d Instant, say, That the King of Great Britain, who is zealously resolved to support and defend the Protestant Religion, which the Papists are every where endeavouring to oppres, has ordered a Representation to be made to the Evangelical Body, of the Necessity they are under of propagating and cementing a perfect Harmony among the Protestant Princes, to obtain a speedy Redress of Grievances of our said Brethren.

John Lant and Three others, who were taken in the Riot at Cripplegate-ward, were this Day brought before the Lord Mayor, who committed them to Newgate: It seems that Depositions were made against them upon Oath, That they cried out, *No King George! No Hanoverian Proclamation! Down with the Crown Tavern!* and, *Down with the Crown Coffee-house!*

Mr. Payne above mentioned was bound by Recognizance in 2000 L. for his Appearance to answr for the Printing and Publishing *The True Briton*.

The Coroner's Inquest which late on the Body of Middleton, who died in the Pillory, brought in their Verdict *Accidentally strangled*.

A Re-hearing came on last Tuesday in Chancery, of the Cause between Colonel Urquhart and Sir George Caswel; but the Decision was deferr'd till some other Day before next Term.

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## A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

These are to give Notice, that upon the 13th of August next, by the Adjournment from July 29, in the House of Arthur Reid, Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 in the Afternoon, There is to be exposed to Sale by way of voluntary Roup, the Lands and Barony of *Tinwall*, with the Patronage of the Kirk of *Tinwall*, large Mansion-house, Orchards, Yatds and other Pertinents, holding Blench of the Crown: As also the Lands of *Bruntskairth*, holding Feu of the Lord of the Erection. The said Lands have a great deal of young Planting, Meadow, Mols, a good Stone-quarrie and other Conveniences, and ly within 3 Miles of *Drumfries*. As also the Lodging in the *Covenant-Close* in Edinburgh, lately possesst by the deceas'd *William Abves*, Writer to the Signet. The Rental, Articles of Roup and Progrels of Writs are to be seen at the Writing-Chamber of *Andrew Abves*, at *Douglas Close-Head*, opposite to the *Luckenbooths*.

\* \* The Roup of the Lands and Barony of Lethem, is Adjourned to Thursday the Seventh of November next, in the House of Arthur Reid Vintner. The Conditions of Sale and Progress of Writs, are to be seen in the Hands of *William Cunningham* of *Ballandalloch*.

## E D I N B U R G H:

Printed for Mr. *WILLIAM ROLLAND*, by *WILLIAM ADAMS* Jun. Whose Printing-house is now remov'd from Carrubber's Close, to Craigforth's Close, first Door of the first Turnpike on the Left Hand: Opposite to the General Post-office, near the Tron-Church; where the Caledonian Mercury is to be had for the first week.